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In re Patent Application of: John Ratzloff

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Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R 1.27.

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